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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION GROUPS TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS
AGAINST INTERIM AGREEMENT

1. ON EVE OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL, NUMBER
OF ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSING INTERIM AGREEMENT ALREADY
HAVE HELD PROTEST RALLIES AND HAVE ANNOUNCED PLANS
FOR FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS PRECEDING AND DURING
SHUTTLE MISSION. ISRAELI PRESS HAS CARRIED REPORTS
THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES WILL BE APPLYING EXTRA-
ORDINARY MEASURES, INCLUDING AUGMENTATION OF JERUSALEM
POLICE FORCE WITH ANOTHER 1000 SECURITY PERSONNEL,
TO PROTECT SECRETARY'S PARTY AND PREVENT DEMONSTRATIONS
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ERUPTING INTO VIOLENCE. ISRAELI SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY ARE FULLY ABLE TO CONTROL ANY SITUATION WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

2. THREE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20 (TODAY) IN JERUSALEM. GUSH EMUNIM, RELIGIOUSLY-ORIENTED EXTREMIST GROUP, WILL HOLD MASS DEMONSTRATION THIS AFTERNOON IN JERUSALEM'S INDEPENDENCE PARK. IN NEWSPAPERS ADS AUGUST 19, GUSH EMUNIM SECRETARIAT URGED PUBLIC TO INTERRUPT ROUTINE ACTIVITIES AND COME TO JERUSALEM WITH SLEEPING BAGS, ETC., TO EXPRESS ITS PROTEST AGAINST INTERIM AGREEMENT. GUSH EMUNIM SOURCES ARE CITED IN PRESS S INDICATING THAT "UNUSUAL EVENTS" SUCH AS HAD NOT OCCURRED ON ANY PREVIOUS VISIT OF SECRETARY TO ISRAEL MAY OCCUR THIS TIME. TWO OTHER GROUPS, YOUNG HERUT, AND WOMEN FOR A SECURE ISRAEL, ALSO HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY. FORMER OF THESE HAS ALREDY DEMONSTRATD IN FRONT OF EMBASSY AUGUST 18 (TEL AVIV5418).

3. OPPONENTS OF INTERIM AGREEMENT ALSO ARE TURNING TO NEWSPAPES, WITH ALL PRESS CARRYING PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONS NOTED ABOVE, AS WELL AS PRIVATE CITIZENS, AND AD-HOC GROUPS CALLING ON GOI TO REJECT PROPOSED AGREEMENT AND/OR RESIGN. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THERE WILL BE MORE OF THIS KIND OF ADVERTISING DURING SECRETARY'S STAY IN AREA.

4. MAJOR PRESS AUGUST 19-20 HAVE CARRIED EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF RHETORICAL EXCESS AND HYSTERICAL TONE WHICH HAVE BEGUN TO MANIFEST THEMSELVES AMONG SOME ELEMENTS OF PROTESTORS, AND HAVE URGED ISRAELI PUBLIC TO REFRAIN FROM VIOLENCE AND TO REMAIN WITHIN BOUNDS OF FAIRNESS. AND GOOD TASTE APPROPRIATE TO THE EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCES IN A DEMOCRATIC STATE. RIGHT WING MAARIV (AUG. 19) AFTER NOTING CHILL MOOD AND SENSE OF EXCITEMENT ON EVE OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL CONDEMNS YOUNG HERUT DEMONSTRATOR FOR CARRYING SIGN READING "HITLER LEFT YOU ALIVE TO FINISH THE JOB" IN AUGUST 18 DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY. MAARIV EDITORIALIST SAYS THAT SUCH SLOGAN TESTIFIES NOTONLY TO VULGAR TASTE OF ITS AUTHOR AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF HOLOCAUST AND ITS CIRCUMSTA CES, BUT ALSO TO OMINOUS DECINE IN STYLE OF POLITICAL DEBATE IN ISRAEL. IN CONCLUDES THAT SUCH FORM OF PROTEST IS NOT ONLY OF DUBIOUS PROGAGANDA VALUE BUT IS CERTAIN TO DO GREAT EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL

HARM.

EDITORIALS ALONG SIMILAR LINES

APPEAR AUGUST 20 DAVAR AND AL HAMISHMAR.

5. IN PAST SHUTTLE VISITS OF SECRETARY THERE ALSO
HAVE BEEN PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS AGAINST DISENGAGEMENT
ACCORDS AND INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. ON THIS
OCCASION, HOWEVER, PUBLIC FEELING SEEMS TO BE
RUNNING AT HIGHER LEVEL THAN BEFORE, AND THIS PROBABLY
WILL AFFECT ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT, AT LEAST IN ITS
OPENING PHASE.

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